

ARMY AND NAVY ORDNANCE

\$16,000,000 TO BE APPROPRIATED THEREFOR.

\$1,000,000 for a Great Naval Gun Factory at Washington Navy Yard—An Army Gun Foundry at Watervliet Arsenal.

Senator Hawley, from the committee on coast defenses, yesterday reported favorably the two bills introduced early in the session by Senator Cameron. They authorize the Secretaries of War and the Navy, respectively, to make contracts, after suitable advertisement, with responsible steel manufacturers for the supply of rough-bored, rough-turned, and tempered steel for the fabrication of heavy ordnance adapted to modern warfare, and steel for armor, shafts, and other uses. The quantity of steel of any one quality not to exceed 10,000 gross tons for each department. Each bidder is required to guarantee that he will erect in the United States a plant capable of manufacturing all the steel and finishing it, in accordance with the contract and approved

tract to deliver yearly a specified quantity of each caliber, the time of delivery of the smaller caliber to commence at the expiration of six months and of the larger caliber at the expiration of not more than three years from the date of the acceptance of the contract. The Secretary of War is authorized to erect at the navy yard at West Troy, N. Y., an armory foundry for the fabrication of the heaviest guns adapted to modern warfare, and the manufacture of the machinery and ordnance equipment for the army at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000, and the Secretary of War is authorized to erect at the navy yard at West Troy, N. Y., a foundry for the fabrication of the heaviest guns adapted to modern warfare, the manufacture of gun-carriages and ordnance equip-

To each of the bills the committee has added a section appropriating \$5,000,000 to be available during the six years from January, 1887.

Popular Demand—Not Lobby Influence
Mr. Hale presented in the Senate yesterday

In presenting the memorial Mr. Hale read the following, which clearly had been stated in certain newspapers and which attempts had been made to improperly influence Congress in favor of what were called subsidies. Mr. Hale wished to say, in connection with the reading of the memorial, that he had written to all the members of Congress, and that he felt that if this great effort to revive American commerce ever prevailed in Congress, it would not be done by the influence of an individual, but only because the people of America had treble the population of Europe.

"Infamous" Articles—Butterine, &c.
In presenting a memorial in relation to oleomargarine, Senator Beck took occasion to say yesterday that if that article was one not in consistent with health it should not be taxed.

and if inconsistent with health the remedy was not by a tax; but in that case the manufacture of the article should be wholly prohibited. Mr. Beck said the petition related to revenue and should go to the committee on finance. Mr. Miller opposed this, and complained of it.

mittee on agriculture, the denial to it of proper accommodations, &c. He referred oleomargarine, butterine, &c., as "infamous articles. The petition was referred to the committee on agriculture.

Hard Question to Answer.

President pro tempore Sherman laid before the Senate yesterday a letter from the Postmaster General transmitting, in compliance with a recent resolution of the Senate, information as to the treatment of postmaster salaries under the act of March 3, 1879.

Postmaster General says that the chief of the division of salary and allowances admits, upon a personal judgment, that it will require the services of the clerks during a probable period of fourteen months to perform the work mentioned in the resolution. He prays the consideration of the Senate whether the department is not under a moral obligation to the duty of furnishing the information desired. The letter was referred to the committee on postoffice and postroads.

It is stated that the President is negotiating for the purchase of Lambarton hall, situated a few miles northwest of West Washington, in this side of Secretary Whitney's country home. Mr. George B. Chittenden, the owner of D

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Butler's bill authorizing the President to retire these officers of the army who have already been recommended for retirement or may be so recommended prior to Jan. 1, 1887. In the report accompanying the bill the committee

The Choral Society.
The Choral Society will give its second concert of the season at Congregational Church to-night. The sale of tickets has been large as the programme to be offered is one of rare merit. Mrs. Ford, of New York, and Miss Huntington will be the soloists. The programme includes "The Fairies," a chorus by Walter McFarren, and the cantata of "The Ancient Mariner."

Crushed by an Engine.
George Miller, employed at the round house of the Baltimore and Potomac railway, had his head crushed by being caught between an engine and the track last night. He was taken to the hospital, but died at 10 o'clock. His wife is Mrs. Mary Miller, of Providence Road.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITOL.

Mr. Hatch, of Missouri, from the committee on agriculture, reported a bill authorizing the exhibition of specimens of California silk.

Senator Butler introduced a bill to organize the territory of Alaska, and to provide for the establishment of a civil government thereof. It is similar to the bill for the same purpose introduced in the House by Mr. Hill.

Senator Hoar presented the petition of the New England Manufacturers' Association, urging the United States to enforce the terms of the Chinese treaty so as to protect the life and property of Chinese subjects in the United States.

On motion of Senator Gilman, the Senate passed the House bill supplying a deficiency appropriation of \$8,000 to carry on to Jun 1896, the examinations and survey regarding the water, etc., at the mouth of the Mississippi river.

Senator Dawes introduced a bill to extend the jurisdiction of the court of claims to

ventions by the United States government which arose before the court assumed jurisdiction of such cases. It requires the suits to be brought within two years after the passage of the act.

public land, reported favorably the bill, which passed the House some days ago, authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer the Public Land No. 106, situated near the town of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at that place, for educational purposes.

Senator Evans, from the committee on the judiciary, reported favorably his bill providing that the service of a subpoena issued by one United States district court shall constitute return and impleading of a vessel; shall be deemed a summons to appear and answer to a writ of maritime service, for which a lien is fastened upon the vessel, whether foreign or domestic, and may be enforced in any district court having jurisdiction.